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One of the most interesting things in this book is the paper written at the beginning of the war by Dr. Pendleton, giving the reasons which impelled him to leave the charge of his parish and enter the army as a soldier. No one who reads that paper can doubt its author's sincerity; nor can one help feeling a satisfaction that the soldier should have been spared to take his pulpit again after having encountered so many vicissitudes and dangers. From First Manassas, where Captain Pendleton and the Rockbridge Artillery shared the glory which attached to the name of a Stonewall Jackson, to Appomattox, when, as one of the commissioners of surrender, General Pendleton helped to support his great commander, this book describes, in detail, the life of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Original letters, written from the camp, on the march, at the front, are here published, the Biographer, who is often rather the Editor, allowing these valuable papers to tell their own story. Few Biographers have had such valuable material from which to draw, and fewer still have had a truer appreciation of what was required, or a mind better equipped for the undertaking. The sentence from Pascal, upon the title page, is justified throughout the work.

The criticisms of battles made by the writer of this book are worthy of the best war writers. Her opportunities were good for the study of military affairs. Her father, as we have seen, was Chief of Artillery of Lee's Army. Her husband and only brother were both on Stonewall Jackson's staff, the former leaving that staff to become the colonel of a regiment, and rising to be a brigadier-general, and the latter remaining upon the staff of the great soldier and his successor, to end his life upon the field of battle, at the age of twenty-four, having well merited an inscription after that to Hoche at Versailles—student at 19; soldier at 20; captain at 21; major at 22; lieutenant-colonel and adjutant of the Second Corps at 23; dead at 24.

In this book will be found an account of many of the interesting personages and important events connected with the most eventful period of our history, all detailed in so pleasing a way as to attract and satisfy the attention of the reader. It is worthy of note that three of the best biographies of recent date have been written by Southern women, Mrs. Jackson's life of her husband, Mrs. Corbin's life of Commodore Maury, and Mrs. Lee's life of General Pendleton.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY HISTORICAL PAPERS.—
Editor, Lyon G. Tyler, M. A. Volume I.

We are pleased to learn that the demand for this admirable periodical has been so great, that, all of the quarterly numbers having been disposed of, President Tyler has determined to issue, and has now nearly ready for publication, a reprint of the first four numbers. This reprint

will not only contain all the matter in the original parts, but will have considerable matter in addition and correction.

The William and Mary Quarterly has gained too strong a place in the estimation of students of Virginia history and antiquities to require any recommendation to those who have been its readers ; but to others a brief resume of what the editor has collected may be of value.

The first number, that of July, 1892, contained an article especially interesting to the Masonic fraternity, on the old Williamsburg Lodge. In this number, also, was the first of a series of articles relating to the religious history of the colony, in this instance giving a notice of the first Roman Catholic priest mentioned in the county records.

In October was given an interesting article on the early Presidents of William and Mary College, which has been followed by a verbatim publication (not yet completed) of the journals of the faculty, whose value is increased by numerous notes. In this issue, also, was begun a series of original and hitherto unpublished letters from James Monroe, John Tyler, Samuel Taylor, &c.

Some of the most interesting features of the Quarterly have been the extracts from various county records. Among the counties included have been Northumberland, Lower Norfolk (in regard to witchcraft), Northampton, and Lancaster. Of the same character, and of exceeding value to the genealogist, are the abstracts of marriage bonds recorded in York, Elizabeth City, Norfolk and Spotsylvania.

Pres't Tyler and his contributors deserve great credit for the very thorough and critical manner in which they have compiled accounts of greater or less extent of the families of Digges, Chiles, Ludwell, Burwell, Woodhouse, McClurg and others. Another important feature for the genealogist is the list of Virginia coats-of-arms which is greatly more extensive than any heretofore published.

The first number included in the volume is perhaps of the greatest interest, containing as it does an article presenting new information in regard to John Washington, the immigrant ; a sketch of Virginia under the commonwealth, based on contemporary county records, and an account of the Ohio Company by Miss Kate Mason Rowland. Pres't Tyler has shown great judgment in selection and editing, and is especially fortunate in very extensive acquaintance with the manuscript sources of Virginia history.